Child Reform homes and orphanages in the country

†2998. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government and registered Child Reform Homes and Orphanages in the country;

(b) the total number of children enrolled in all registered Orphanages and Child Reform Homes;

(c) whether an annual grant is provided to such Homes on the basis of the children enrolled there; and

(d) if so, the details of amount allocated to Bihar in this regard during the years 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Homes are established under the Juvenile Justice Act by the concerned State Governments and UT Administrations. There are around 660 such Homes in the country. The orphanages are registered and recognized by the State Government. At present there are 1515 orphanges in the country.

(b) The number of children enrolled in these Homes varies from year to year. However, the total capacity of the Homes is around 37,000. The Ministry does not keep a data base on the number of orphaned children in the country since the orphanages are registered and recognized by the State Governments.

(c) Yes Madam. The Central Government under the Scheme called 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice', is giving grant-in-aid to the State Governments and UT Administrations on a 50:50 basis for establishing and running the Homes under the Juvenile Justice Act depending on the number of children enrolled. As regard orphanages, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment had been giving grant-in-aid to NGOs for providing services to orphaned, destitute and neglected children through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely 'Scheme for the Welfare of Children in need of Care and Protection' since 1974-75. In this scheme, voluntary organizations were assisted with an equal contribution of State Government to offer Services for such children. This scheme has been transferred to the State Governments and UTs with effect from 1st April, 1992 as per the decision of the National Development Council.

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(d) Under the Scheme 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice', no state-wise financial allocations are made. The State Governments and UT Administration are required to send proposals to the Central Government for grant-in-aid every year. The Grants are being given depending on the budget availability. The State of Bihar was last sanctioned Rs. 143.89 lakhs during the year 1998-99. But, due to an unspent balance of Rs. 195.5 lakhs from the earlier grants lying with the State Government as on 31st March, 2000, no further grants were released by the Central Government.

Centres working for handicapped persons

2999. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the centres working for the handicapped persons, State-wise;

(b) the details of grants given by Government to the centres during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether some complaints have been received by Government against the management of such centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken-thereon, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A statement showing the number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), State-wise, receiving grants-in-aid under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities and the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) and the grants given to them during the last three years is enclosed (*See* below).

Besides, the National Institutes, Composite Regional Centres, Regional Rehabilitation Centres and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres are also providing rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities. The expenditure incurred for the Centres supported or run by them during the last three years was Rs. 23.75 crores in 1998-99, Rs. 32.98 crores in 1999-2000 and Rs. 35.16 crores in 2000-01.

(c) and (d) On the basis of complaints, two NGOs from Uttar Pradesh receiving grant-in-aid under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities have been blacklisted. Action has also been initiated against two NGOs from Bihar and one from Orissa.